

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
BRANSTROM et al.

Appln. No. 08/711,961

Filed: September 6, 1996

Title: BACTERIAL DELIVERY SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: J. Railey

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January 19, 2000

**RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued July 19, 1999,  
please consider the Rule 131 Declaration filed herewith and  
the following remarks, the time to respond having been  
extended up to and including January 19 2000 by petition and  
fee submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

Claims 45-55 are under examination. Reconsideration is  
requested.

Claims 45-55 were provisionally rejected under the  
judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double  
patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Pat.  
No. 5,824,538. Upon indication from the Examiner that the  
pending claims are otherwise in condition for allowance,  
Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer.

Claims 45-55 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as